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SUBJECT Intercepting Communications Inside Iran

JACK ANDERSON: Will Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini outfox the United States again? Well, a peculiar development could hamper U.S. intelligence agencies' ability to keep track of events inside Iran. Here's what has happened:

The Iranians were stunned several months ago to learn that we had been intercepting their top secret communications. So I predict Khomeini will take a giant step backward in the communications field. The Iranians will deliver their most sensitive messages by human couriers. Our super-sophisticated eavesdropping equipment is no longer picking up as many top secret messages. Already, these are being delivered by hand.